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SUBJ: TOKYO PRESS COVERAGE LOCKHEED PAYMENTS

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1. WASHINGTON DISPATCHES ON CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE REVELATIONS REGARDING LOCKHEED REACHED TOKYO TO LATE FOR MAJOR COVERAGE IN TOKYO MORNING PAPERS FEB 5 BUT GOT FRONTPAGE HEADLINES IN EVENING EDITIONS AND WERE TOP ITEM IN TODAY'S RADIO AND TV NEWSCASTS. ALL STORIES REPORT REVELATIONS ON LOCKHEED'S ALLEGED PAYMENTS TO MARUBENI AND YOSHIO KODAMA.

2. KYODO REPORTS QUOTE MARUBENI'S OFFICIALS AS SAYING AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM LOCKHEED WAS ONLY \$2 MILLION, NOT \$3.8, AND WAS LEGITIMATE COMMISSION PAYMENT FOR AIRBUS SALES. KYODO ALSO REPORTS KODAMA, A BEHIND THE SCENES MOVER IN CONSERVATIVE POLITICS, AS BEING OUT OF TOWN, UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON REPORTS HE RECEIVED \$7 MILLION IN LOCKHEED PAYMENTS.

3. MEDIA REPORTS JSP'S FORMATION OF A "LOCKHEED POLITICAL FUND SPECIAL COMMITTEE" TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS, AND JSP PLANS TO
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PURSUING GOVERNMENT ON LOCKHEED IN LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE

SESSION ON FEB 6. TESTSU UEDA JSP UPPER HOUSE SPOKESMAN ON
DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL REPORTEDLY LEAD THREE-MAN
JSP INVESTIGATION MISSION TO US TO "CLARIFY THE TRUTH OF THE
MATTER IF NECESSARY."

4. A. M. STATEMENT THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER
OR NOT TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF ALLEGATIONS FROM USG WAS
FRONTPAGED IN EVENING PAPERS, AS WAS REPORT OF CHIEF CABINET
SECRETARY IDE'S SAYING HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS UNTIL
MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED.
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5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL INQUIRES
FROM PRESS EMBASSY IS RELYING ON GUIDANCE REFTEL. MOST QUERIES
ASK FOR STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR. REFERRING TO SUBCOMMITTEE
DISCUSSIONS WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR HODGSON WAS IN NO
WAY INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER, THE EMBASSY IS INFORMING ALL QUESTIONERS
THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS INDICATED THAT "THAT SUMMARIZES THE
SITUATION EXACTLY." WE DECLINING ANY OTHER COMMENT. END LIMITED
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HODGSON

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